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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated September 27, 2007, and in place of the Amendment filed after final dated November 16, 2007, and the Second Amendment After Final dated February 28, 2008, for which no Advisory Actions have yet been mailed and no indications that the proposed amendments have been entered have been received by applicant, applicant requests continued Examination of the application and, since the Amendment filed after Final dated November 16, 2007, and the Second Amendment After Final dated February 28, 2008 have not yet been entered, applicant hereby requests

that they not be entered. The amendments set forth herein are based on the claims as they exist at the time of the Final Action of September 27, 2007. Further, applicant filed an Amendment After Final dated and mail with mailing certificate on November 16, 2007, within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action dated September 27, 2007. The Pair system shows that the Amendment After Final was received in the Patent Office on November 19, 2007. The Final Action states that if applicant files a first reply to the Final Action within two months of the mailing date of the final action, which was done in this case, that “then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action.” Since no advisory action has been mailed, the shortened statutory period has not yet expired and no extension fee should be due for filing this Request for Continued Examination and Amendment.

In this amendment, applicant cancels Claims 7, 24, and 29, amends Claims 1, 8, 25, 30, and 31, and adds new Claims 32-36, as follows: